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## MILITIA CALLED OUT

### ALABAMA NEGROES IN DANGER OF BEING LYNCHED.

#### Six Are Charged with Assault and Murder—Big Mob Marches on the Jail—Determined Stand of State Troops Prevents Bloodshed.

At 10 o'clock Sunday night Gov. Jellics received the following telegram from Gadsden, Ala.:

"My jail and prisoners confined therein are threatened by a mob. Prisoners in jail charged with rape and murder of white woman. Need military assistance. Answer."

The governor immediately wired Capt. L. Braney, commanding the Gadsden company of state troops, to place his command at the disposal of the sheriff and to keep the executive office advised of further developments.

At midnight nothing further had been heard from the scene of the threatened lynching.

The negroes in the Gadsden jail are Vance Gardner, William Johnson, E. D. Johnson, Bud Richardson, Jefferson Alford and Fannie Mayo. Their alleged victim was Mrs. S. J. Smith, a white widow.

The crime was committed Saturday night. Early Sunday Vance Gardner reported discovering the woman's dead body. The police found her nude body lying partially concealed in some bushes by the roadside three-quarters of a mile from Gadsden. Mrs. Smith had been attacked on the roadside, and after having been repeatedly assaulted was dragged by her hair down an embankment over rocks and stumps into the clump of bushes, where she was left, after efforts had been made to conceal her body. The details of her condition were shocking. Her neck was broken. A pair of scissors and a case-knife found close to her body evidently aided her in the struggle.

A mob of 300 people gathered on Broad Street in Gadsden at dark and late Sunday night marched on the jail, demanding that the doors be opened. One young man had the rope ready to swing Vance Gardner, one of the negroes implicated in the killing.

Sheriff Chandler and Judge J. H. Disque were prepared to meet them. Company C, with Lieut. A. R. Brindley in charge, was called out and had pickets out. Representative Burnett and Judge Disque made talks and the mob dispersed, there being less than 100 men now present. The mob lacked a leader. This alone prevented bloodshed, as Lieut. Brindley, with his men, Sheriff Chandler and Judge Disque are determined to protect the negroes.

The coroner's jury has been in session all day and has just adjourned.

### HEAD-END COLLISION.

#### Two Men Killed and Four Injured in Virginia.

Two men were killed and four more injured in a head-end collision between two freight trains Sunday one mile north of Midvale, Va., on the Shenandoah division of the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

The dead are E. S. Hite, of Vesuvia, a brakeman, and John Dent, of Roanoke, fireman.

Midvale is sixty-four miles north of Roanoke. The northbound freight train had orders to wait at Midvale for a southbound extra freight, but the orders, it is alleged, were disregarded by the northbound crew.

### YOUNG GIRL SHOT DEAD.

#### Outcome of a Neighborhood Quarrel at St. Louis.

In the presence of her mother, Bessie Barnes, aged 15 years, was shot dead on the street in front of her home at 2702 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., Sunday, Mrs. Mary Carder, aged 30 years, is under arrest charged with the shooting, which is said to have been the culmination of ill feeling between the two families.

Sunday night Mrs. Carder lay strapped to a cot at the police station, raving over the shooting. By her side were her three small children.

### Town Under Scourge.

Typhoid fever is epidemic at Collinsburg, southwest of Pittsburg, Pa. There are about thirty houses in the village and in every house there is from one to five cases of the disease. Five children of a family named Litt have died and a number of other families have lost from one to two members. Physicians seem unable to check the scourge.

### Gen. B. M. Thomas Dead.

Gen. B. M. Thomas died at his home in Dalton, Ga., Sunday afternoon. Peritonitis was the immediate cause of his death. He was a graduate of West Point and a distinguished brigadier general in the confederate army.

### Sioux City Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Cows and heifers, 5.50@6.25. Top hogs, 85.00.

### Accidentally Shot.

By the discharge of a shotgun which he had loaded for the purpose of shooting stray cats, Thomas T. Hagar, a cousin of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, was instantly killed at Weston, Mass., Saturday night.

### Two Drowned While Bathing.

George and William Gibbons, brothers, were drowned Sunday while bathing in a lake near Olathe, Kan. George Gibbons was seized with cramps and his brother went to his rescue.

## FIERCE RACE RIOT.

### Battle Between Whites and Blacks in New York.

"San Juan Hill," the district bounded by Amsterdam and Western Avenues and Sixty-second and Sixty-third Streets, New York, so-called because of its notoriety as a battle ground, was the scene Friday night of a fierce race riot which required 250 policemen to quell after many shots had been fired and several persons had been seriously injured.

The trouble began shortly after 9 o'clock when a policeman arrested Edward Connelly for attacking Henry Williams, a negro, and was pursued to the station house with his prisoner by a mob of Connelly's friends, hurling showers of stones and other missiles.

When the station house reserves turned out the whole neighborhood was in an uproar and whites and blacks engaged in desperate struggles in the streets.

Torrents of missiles were hurled from roofs and windows.

Within ten minutes not less than 1,000 men, boys and women, black and white, were engaged in a furious combat.

The small party of police were powerless, and reinforcements were summoned. On their arrival a cordon was drawn around the whole district and strong patrols made repeated charges down the streets in a vain effort to restore order. They succeeded in making a few prisoners and were forced to retreat, fighting every inch of the way and pursued to the station house by a howling mob.

Commissioner McAdoo arrived at 11 o'clock and made a tour of the battle field, the fighting by that time having ceased. He said the riot could not have taken place had not the rougher element been permitted to carry arms. They appeared to have a regular arsenal of weapons, as the police found when they searched the prisoners. In all seven whites and two negroes had their injuries attended to by the ambulance surgeons, but scores of others, less seriously hurt, were taken to their homes by friends. Five whites and six negroes, almost all of whom bore traces of conflict with the police, were arrested.

A picked body of thirty policemen was detailed to occupy the disturbed region during the night and assist the police of the precinct.

## HAVOC OF STORM.

### Tornado Did Much Damage on Rosebud Reserve.

Additional details of the damage done by the tornado which swept over the Rosebud reservation are being received at Bonesteel, S. D.

The latest reports show that one life was lost and a dozen injured, six of whom were seriously hurt.

The injured at Burke are: "Uncle" Billy Howe, badly bruised; Geo. D. Custer, two ribs fractured, toe broken; Mrs. Conghlin, bruised; Curt Willis, bruised; E. K. Lonley, bruised; Frank Castor, bruised; Jackman Herrick, bruised.

Twenty-seven buildings were more or less demolished at Herrick, and a half dozen persons hurt. The financial loss will amount to \$7,000.

## FOR TORTURING A CHILD.

### Authorities Seek Woman Placed in a Sanitarium.

State's Attorney Graham, of Mercer County, Ill., has served upon Dr. Sanger Brown, of Chicago, a demand for information concerning the mental condition of wealthy Mrs. Mary McKinney, of Alton, Ill., who, it is alleged, was privately removed from her home two weeks ago to Brown's sanitarium, at Kenilworth, a suburb of this city.

Mrs. McKinney, with her husband, is under indictment on the charge of torturing Stella Grandy, a child turned over to her by the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society.

## KILLED IN WRECK.

### Three Persons Lose Lives in Collision in Illinois.

A Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railway passenger train, leaving St. Louis at 11:30 Thursday night, collided Friday with a suburban train at Steiger, Ill.

Three persons were killed and seven injured. Some of the injured may die. The cause of the collision is said to have been an open switch, which let the suburban train onto a siding on which the passenger train was standing.

## Three Killed and Two Hurt.

Three men were killed and two probably fatally injured Friday in a freight wreck on the Iowa Central Railroad near Richland, Keokuk County, Ia. A car of oil took fire, the tank exploded and burned the bodies of the killed men to a crisp. The fire destroyed a bridge and six cars.

## Wholesale Car Robberies.

Officers have arrested eleven men at South Bend, Ind., charged with being implicated in wholesale robberies of cars of the Grand Trunk Railroad near Stillwell, Laporte County, Mer-handise to the value of \$30,000 has been taken. The other heavy losses of the road were near Valparaiso.

## Attempt to Wreck Train.

An attempt was made to wreck a Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific through train at Greene, Ia., Thursday. The attempt was made at a switch, presumably to give the impression that the switch was the cause, if the attempt should be successful.

## Chicago Men are Cleared.

A verdict of not guilty was announced at Chicago Friday by Judge Chetlain in the case of President Albert G. Wheeler, of the Illinois Tunnel Company, and several former municipal officers on trial for alleged alteration of public records.

## Killed Their Officers.

A regiment of Russian sappers stationed at a small village in the mountains near Tiflis, Caucasus, has murdered all its officers and, it is rumored, joined the revolutionists.

## WRECKED BY STORM.

### South Dakota Towns in Path of a Fierce Tornado.

A tornado swept over Gregory County, South Dakota, Wednesday night. Wires are down and details as to damage are meager. The storm came at midnight and lasted two hours. At Bonesteel the damage was trivial, but on the Rosebud reservation it was very great.

One person was killed and eleven others injured. Near St. Elmo, a small town, was torn up. Roy McFadden was caught between heavy timbers of a building and instantly crushed to death. Three buildings were destroyed in St. Elmo.

Herrick's loss is heavy. Houses were torn to splinters and the damage is estimated at \$7,000. Four men, one woman and a boy are in a critical condition. Twenty-five business buildings and many houses were destroyed, including the Rosebud bank, the school house and Ulrich's large livery barn. Twenty-eight head of horses were in the barn, but many were saved by citizens. Offices, stores and saloons were damaged.

George Cornwall, who lives one and one-half miles from Herrick, had his home demolished. A. J. Jones, who lives on a claim west of Herrick, suffered the loss of his property.

At Burke many buildings were destroyed. The Jensen home, in the southern part of town, was completely swallowed up and Jensen and his wife and baby were blown in various directions. A relief corps heard the cries of the babe and rescued it from drowning in a small draw where it had been blown. Mrs. Jensen and her babe may die.

Mr. McBride was injured in the back and his home was completely swallowed up. Alvin Nye was injured in the limbs. The damage to property will amount to \$5,000.

Dallas, Gregory and Carlock report slight damage and only a few injured. Many claims have not been heard from. A relief party is out now.

Three large buildings were unroofed and seven smaller ones destroyed at Gregory, but no person was injured.

The storm was severe over the entire reservation, and several inches of water fell at the points which suffered the worst. Much damage was done to crops and wires, and most of the details of the havoc wrought have been brought in by messengers from the different towns.

## POSTMASTER IS ENJOINED.

### Mail to People's Bank Must Not Be Stamped Fraudulent.

A St. Louis special says: A temporary restraining order has been issued by Judge Smith McPherson, of Iowa, sitting in the United States district court, against Henry J. Gilson, in charge of the Winner branch postoffice, Postmaster Frank Wyman and Assistant Postmaster Henry P. Wyman, requiring them to discontinue stamping the mail of the People's United States Bank and E. G. Lewis with the word "fraudulent," and returning to the sender.

The defendants were cited to appear next Tuesday and show cause why an injunction should not be issued against them.

In the meantime, it is said, mail will not be delivered to the bank or to Lewis, but will be held at the St. Louis postoffice without being stamped "fraudulent," pending final action.

## BUTCHERS FIGHT PACKERS.

### Great Dressed Meat Plant Erected in New York.

War in earnest was declared in New York Thursday against the beef trust when the new plant of the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Company at Thirty-ninth Street and Eleventh Avenue was opened.

Hundreds of butchers are in the new combination, which was organized as a protest against the beef trust. Their building, which represents an outlay of almost \$1,000,000, is nearly completed and is elaborately fitted. Its nine stories, stands out in bold relief to persons passing along the water front. To this building will soon be added another of similar dimensions, which will make the plant the largest in the world.

## Was Robbed and Murdered.

C. J. Halde, president of the iron molder's union of St. Joseph, Mo., arrived at Salina, Kan., Thursday and identified the body of the man found dead there as that of N. Sexton, of St. Joseph. It is thought by the officers that Sexton was robbed and murdered by the same gang that held up six men at a Winfield hotel, two members of which fought the officers at Cedarville.

## Battleship Vermont Ready.

A Washington dispatch says: The Fore River Shipbuilding Company has notified the secretary of the navy that the battleship Vermont will be launched at the shipyard of that company at Quincy, Mass., Aug. 31, and that the governor of Vermont has designated his daughter, Miss Jennie Bell, to act as the sponsor of the vessel.

## Prisoners Released.

Seven prisoners, who were serving sentences in the Denver (Colo.) county jail, imposed for committing or conniving at election frauds in that city last fall, have been released by order of the supreme court.

## Baltimore Building Falls.

The Glenn building, a small office structure at Baltimore, Md., collapsed Wednesday, killing two persons and injuring one.

## Loses Life in Fire.

After saving his wife and 2-month-old baby from flames which were destroying their home, Samuel E. Howard, a young farmer living near Shambaugh, Page County, Ia., went back after some household goods and was burned to death Thursday morning.

## An Ohio Bank Fails.

The Citizens Bank, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, failed to open its doors Thursday morning. It owes depositors about \$25,000.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

#### Two Meet Death in Washout—Burlington Train on Oberlin Branch Goes into Ditch Near Kanona—Engineer's Daughter Killed.

On the Oberlin branch of the Burlington out from Republican City two were killed and several injured in a wreck near Kanona, Kan., at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The killed were Miss Millie Koll, Republican City, and Harry White, address unknown.

The injured are D. A. Allen, Toppa, Kan.; Ed Bender, Hastings, Neb., and Mrs. W. L. Egbert, Republican City.

The families of the engineer, fireman and brakeman of the ill-fated train were on their way to the other end of the road to spend Sunday because the train crew had been kept away from home for a week on account of a washout near the Republican River.

Miss Millie Koll is the daughter of the engineer. Her mother and younger sister escaped serious injury. Mrs. Egbert is the wife of the fireman. Her small child was with her.

Since the water, which came last Sunday, no regular trains have been run on the Oberlin branch. Passengers, express and the mail have been carried by the work trains on each side of the washout and transferred at the gap.

The whole train, consisting of engine, box car and caboose, went into the ditch. Conductor Arthur Lyman reports that the track was intact.

## THRASHING ACCIDENT.

### Three Men Seriously Hurt by the Boiler Exploding.

By the blowing up of a boiler on a thrasher machine engine on the farm of Fred Keikner, near Johnson, Wednesday, three men were seriously injured. Charles Finch, of Johnson, was seriously injured internally, Sam Warwick, also of Johnson, was struck in the shoulder by a flying missile and also received a broken arm. George Thomas, of Johnson, was injured on the leg.

The engine was completely demolished, and the men not injured had a hard time to save the thrasher, the strawstacks becoming ignited from the fire. The injured men were removed to their homes and given surgical aid.

## Sleep Walker Takes a Fall.

M. A. Dunfee, foreman of a Burlington telephone gang, had a close call from death at an early hour Sunday morning from their home last Thursday morning at Plattsmouth. He was occupying a room on the third floor of the Plattsmouth Hotel when he arose in his sleep and climbed out of the window. A moment later he fell to the street below, a distance of thirty feet. A physician who was called to attend his injuries found that he had sustained a severe fracture of the large ankle bone of the right foot, while he also suffered a puncture of the flesh in his right side near the armpit. He was also bruised about the head, but not seriously.

## Live Stock Show at Wisner.

It has been decided to hold the third annual stock show at Wisner on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 13 and 14. The success of the shows of the past two years and the increasing interest has encouraged the management to hold the show for two days this fall and largely enlarge the scope of the enterprise, to include besides an exhibit of all classes of livestock and farm products a domestic department.

## Runaway Boys Sent Home.

Two Peru boys, about 8 and 11 years of age, sons of George Bennett, ran away from their home last Thursday morning and walked to Nebraska City. The distance is about twenty-two miles. When they were missed from their home a large number of Peru citizens commenced to search for the boys, who were thought to have been drowned in the Missouri River. When the boys were located they were returned to their home much against their own wills.

## Body Recovered.

The body of Albert Easter, the boy who was drowned in the Platte at Fremont Tuesday afternoon, was found late Wednesday evening on a sandbar almost half a mile from the spot where he was last seen. A peculiar feature of the affair is that no less than five persons who have been drowned in the Platte within the last few years drifted down to the same place.

## York Man Killed.

Frank Chapin, of York, was run over and killed by a Burlington train at Crete Tuesday night. Chapin was 80 years old and had been in Lincoln to visit relatives. When he reached Crete a freight train was standing on the sidetrack, and as he drove around this the engine of the Burlington passenger train struck him, killed the horse, demolished the buggy and mangled the man.

## Board of Health Deadlock.

The state board of health at Lincoln took twenty-seven more ballots Monday morning in trying to elect a successor to Dr. Somers, of Omaha, a member of the board of secretaries. The vote stood just the same as it did at the other meeting, when 100 ballots were taken. The candidates voted upon were Robert McCaughey of York, J. A. Andrews of Holdrege, and J. C. Sward of Oakland.

## Run Down by Cows.

Coroner Brock, of Plattsmouth, was called to South Bend to hold an inquest over the remains of Henry Hofmeister, who was killed early Sunday morning by a Rock Island train. So far as known no one witnessed the accident, which occurred two miles south of South Bend. Hofmeister was a gardener by occupation and was 69 years of age.

## More Time in Car Shops.

The Burlington shops at Plattsmouth have the ten-hour working schedule. The number of men employed is larger than it has been for many years and more men are being added to the payroll almost daily.

## Guard Rifle Competition.

The state rifle competition will be pulled off at Kearney by members of the National Guard, beginning July 31 and lasting until Aug. 5. The successful ones in this meet will go to New Jersey to take part in the national shoot.

## HIGH WATER AT OMAHA.

### Missouri Breaks into Cutoff Lake with Swift Current.

An Omaha special says: For the first time in a number of years the Missouri River Saturday morning broke into Cutoff Lake with a strong current twenty-five feet wide and with a suddenness that endangered several families living in the vicinity.

Foreman Smith, of the Hammond ice house, and his family were rescued with great difficulty. Heavy damage has been done to crops and live stock, and still heavier damages are expected.

In Omaha the eastern portion of the Union Pacific shop yards was flooded by back water from a large open sewer in the neighborhood.

Many persons residing in the bottoms set up all night prepared to flee on a moment's notice.

## SHORT CUT TO THE PEN.

### Hold Up Man Arrested Saturday and Sentenced Monday.

Quick justice was meted out to Harry Sanford, a white boy, and Charles Wilson, a negro, both tramps, who held up Ernest Sabiel at his farm, seven miles north of Sidney, Saturday afternoon. The men were captured near Colton on the Union Pacific railway on Saturday night by a posse and both were incarcerated in the county jail.

The men had a preliminary examination before the county judge Monday afternoon and offered to plead guilty. District Judge Grimes was in the city, opened court and sentenced the fellows to the penitentiary at hard labor for seven years and they were taken to Lincoln Monday night.

## THIEVES PLEAD GUILTY.

### Trio Captured at Ainsworth for a Long Pine Crime.

At Ainsworth Sheriff Tampert Thursday arrested Oscar Thurlow, Ed Berry and John Hall for larceny committed at Long Pine. The parties were arraigned before Judge Ramsey and pleaded guilty to petit larceny and were sentenced to thirty days in the county jail.

From descriptions received by the officers here it is believed these are the parties wanted for criminal offense committed in southeastern Kansas recently.

## Child Bitten by Rattlesnake.

Ha Abrahams, a 17-month-old child of J. W. Abrahams, a farmer living about ten miles southeast of Fremont, was bitten on the wrist by a rattlesnake a few days ago, but as medical aid was at hand very soon after, is recovering. The baby was playing near the pump when the mother heard her scream. Seeing what had happened the woman was so overcome with terror that she fainted. The child's wrist and arm had swollen to a large size before help was obtained. Rattlesnakes are more numerous than usual on the prairies this season.

## Storm Near Dakota City.

A hail storm, accompanied with a strong wind, slightly resembling a tornado, passed about four miles south and southwest of Dakota City, totally demolishing all crops within an area about two miles wide and three miles long, extending in length from the Missouri River west. Waist high corn was completely stripped of its leaves, but may possibly come out again and make somewhat of a crop. Small grain was headed and completely driven into the ground.

## Robbery at Pierce.

A bold robbery took place at Pierce Tuesday night. Mrs. George W. Goff, wife of the village marshal, was coming up town and was between the elevator and the curfew bell tower when a stranger grabbed her hands and took an envelope from her containing a \$20 bill. The highwayman then disappeared up the alley and escaped.

## Infant Strangles to Death.

The infant child of William Houtz, a rancher living four miles southwest of Bloomington, was strangled to death Wednesday afternoon in a peculiar manner. To prevent its rolling off the bed, as it had done several times after a nap, Mrs. Houtz pinned its dress to the bed clothing. The child was found suspended over the side of the bed and choked to death by the neckband of its dress.

## Hail Damages Crops.

During a thunder storm hail fell north-west of Pierce and did considerable damage to the crops. H. F. Magdanz says that one-third of his wheat crop was lost and August Korth reports his corn badly damaged, but thinks that with the right kind of weather it will come out all right. The hail streak was about one mile in width.

## Died from Lockjaw.

J. W. Robbins of Plattsmouth, who was wounded on the Fourth of July, while repairing a toy pistol, died Thursday evening from lockjaw. Mr. Robbins was wounded in the hand, but the injury had almost healed when symptoms of lockjaw set in. He leaves a widow and five small children.

## Charged with Hog Stealing.

Elmer Jackson, a resident of Beatrice, was arrested Thursday and lodged in jail by Sheriff Trade on information from Sheriff Case, of Fairbury, Jackson is charged with being implicated in a hog stealing deal with several others which occurred in Jefferson County three or four years ago.

## Hobson Talks at Beatrice.

Richard P. Hobson, of Merrimac fame, Thursday afternoon addressed an audience of about 5,000 at the Beatrice Chautauque. Hobson's subject was "The American Navy," which he presented in a logical and entertaining manner.

## Fight with Tramps.

At Wood River a freight conductor and brakeman had a fight with some tramps the other evening, whom they tried to put off the train. During the mixup one of the tramps was badly beaten.

## New Trial for Chamberlain.

Judge Paul Jensen, in district court at Tecumseh Saturday morning, set aside the verdict in the case of Charles M. Chamberlain, found guilty of embezzlement, and ordered a new trial. Chamberlain has asked for a change of venue. The court reduced the bond from \$20,800 to \$10,000.

## First of Wheat Crop.

The first of this year's crop of wheat was marketed at Beatrice Monday. It was of excellent quality, testing 62½ pounds; yield, 30 bushels to the acre.



The past week has been cold and wet. The mean daily temperature averaged 5 degrees below normal in eastern counties and 6 degrees below in nearly all parts of the state. It exceeded one inch in most counties, while in considerable areas it exceeded two inches, and in some places was more than four inches. Winter wheat harvest progressed rapidly in southern counties, and is nearly finished in the extreme eastern counties; it is just beginning in central and western counties. The crop now promises to be good, both as to yield and quality. Oats have improved in condition during the week. Some rust has appeared in spring wheat and the crop is decidedly less promising. Potatoes continue to grow well. Considerable alfalfa hay was damaged by rain and some clover and timothy was also injured. The hay crop will be large, except in a few southeastern counties. Corn has grown fairly well during the week, but needs warmer weather. It is small for the season of the year. Cultivation has been retarded by rain in most counties and the crop is getting weedy. Some fields in southeastern counties have been laid by fairly free of weeds.

The shipments of live stock during the year 1904 show a considerable increase over the shipments of the year 1903, according to the statistics of the bureau of labor and statistics, given out by Chief Clerk Don C. Despain. The prosperous condition of the farmer and stockman is shown by the fact that there were 829,985 more head of live stock shipped in 1904 than in 1903. The total shipments of all live stock was 4,682,333 head. In 1904 there were 355,791 head of cattle shipped, as compared with 355,233 head in 1903. The similarity of these figures is indicative of the steadiness of cattle shipments for the two years being 2,742,900 head shipped in 1904 and 2,161,511 in 1903. The horses and mules shipments in 1904 were 57,952 head and 54,823 in 1903. A large gain is noticeable in the sheep shipments, the 1904 shipments totaling 925,681 head, as compared to 680,751 in 1903.

State Superintendent McBrien has had his attention called to the assumption of authority by a number of county clerks, which the statute fails to give them. In several instances where the school officers certify to the clerk the amount of money the desire to raise the clerk has deducted the amount of money held in the treasury to the credit of the school district. This, the state superintendent, backed by the legal advice of the attorney general, says is illegal and wrong and can't be done unless the levy is more than \$2.50 on the \$100. This because in many instances the school officers in making their levy have taken into consideration the amount of money they have in the treasury.

No state fair in the western circuit offers so large an amount in premiums for farm products as the Nebraska state fair. Two thousand dollars for county collective exhibits and more than \$500 for individual exhibits makes a total of more than \$2,500 in premiums for farm products, as the various exhibits included in a county collective exhibit can also be entered in the name of the grower for premiums in the various lots. In addition, the state fair management guarantee a premium of \$100 for all county collective exhibits which cover a prescribed space and that score not less than 800 points out of a possible 1,000.

The school at the state penitentiary, which was instituted upon the recommendation of John Davis